

STANDING INDIAN BASIN AREA TRAILS

Directions:

From Hayesville go 25 miles east on Hwy 64. Turn right on Wallace Gap Road for 2 miles. Turn right on Forest Service Road 67 toward Standing Indian Campground for 7 miles

- ◆ **Wasilik Poplar Trail:** Easy to Moderate .6 miles leading to one of the largest poplar trees in the US. It is approximately 8 feet in diameter.
- ◆ **Big Laurel Falls:** Easy to Moderate .5 miles running along an old railroad grade. After passing over a bridge the road splits with left leading to Timber Ridge and the right ending at Laurel Falls.
- ◆ **Mooney Falls Trail:** Easy .1 mile hike located .7 miles past Falls' trailhead. Roadside parking is available.
- ◆ **Betty Creek Gap:** Easy 2 mile hike leading to the Appalachian Trail. Follow directions to Laurel Falls. Located 7 miles past Back Country Information Center.
- ◆ **Pickens Nose:** Moderate .7 mile hike includes 3 scenic overlooks including one of northern GA. This trail passes through mature oak forest with an understory of laurel and ivy. Follow directions to Big Laurel Falls and go 9 miles past Back Country Information. Turn right and follow FS 83 to a sign at the trailhead.

Additional Hiking Trails

- ◆ **Brasstown Resort Trails:** The Blue Trail is a pleasant 2.6 mile hike with an option to eat at the resort following your hike. The Short Miller Trek Trail is a 2.6 mile hike with approximate hiking time of 1.5 hours. Resort is Located 6321 US Hwy 76, Young Harris GA
- ◆ **Hanging Dog Recreation Area** Mingus Trail, Ramsey Cliff Trail, Ramsey Bend Connector Trail 3 mile loop with a 278 ft. elevation change. Located 19 miles west of Hayesville, 5 past Murphy NC on SR 1326 Joe Brown Hwy. Turn left at SR 1447 and travel about 1 mile to the recreation area. Also includes a primitive cemetery, a swimming area, and a campground.
- ◆ **Brasstown Bald Trails:** At Brasstown Bald Observation Park 25 miles S of Hayesville off Hwy 17/75. This is the highest point in GA with views of several states. Many trails available here from moderate to difficult and various lengths.
- ◆ **Tallulah Gorge State Park** near Clayton, GA (approx. 44 miles from Hayesville) offers a beautiful drive to the park and various trails. North and South Rim trails are approximately 2 miles. There are waterfalls and beautiful vistas on the drive and in the park.
- ◆ **Big Gap Road Wilderness Trail:** This is a virtually unmarked trail at the dead end of Big Gap Road. Go Approximately 15 miles east on Hwy 64 from Hayesville. Big Gap Road is on the right.

For further information on this and other NC campgrounds, visit this website:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/>



Clay County Hiking Trails

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LOCAL TRAILS

- ◆ **Quanassee Path:** Located right downtown, this is an easy 2 mile walk under a canopy of hold hardwood trees significant to the Cherokee Indians. The trail is planted with a variety of native plants which are labeled. Along this trail you will find the Clay County Museum (open Memorial-Labor day), and the outdoor Cherokee Homestead Exhibit. See a Cherokee summer house, winter house, food storage crib, and multi-use shelter. This is an outdoor, self-guided exhibit which is always open.
- ◆ **Clay County Barn Quilt Trail:** As you walk around the square and the downtown area you will notice Barn Quilt Squares on many of the business storefronts. This is a part of the North American Quilt Trail Project which includes 33 states and 3 Canadian provinces. This is the largest grassroots public art movement in recent history. Please enjoy our contribution to this important movement.
- ◆ **Lake Chatuge Dam Trail:** Located just a few miles outside downtown, this easily walked paved trail is located on Meyers Chapel Road. It wanders for a few miles across the dam and through some wooded and open field areas to a childrens playground. This trail is shared by walkers and bikers.
- ◆ **John C. Campbell Folk School Trail:** Located approximately 10 miles west of Hayesville off Hwy 64, the folk school has a 300 acre campus of gardens and historic buildings connected by a maintained mulch pathway. It is an easy and beautiful walk with views of the local mountains, streams, and farmlands.

JACKRABBIT RECREATION AREA HIKING TRAILS

Directions From Hayesville:

Take US 64 East for 6.2 miles and turn right onto NC 175. Go 2.5 miles. Turn right onto SR 1155 and follow signs. Open May– September. Located on a peninsula of Lake Chatuge with 130 miles of shoreline. This area includes a large campground and day use activities such as swimming, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. There is also lake access for motorized boating.

The Jackrabbit Trail system is located within the Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area on a peninsula off Lake Chatuge. All trails at Jackrabbit are shared by mountain bikers and hikers, and vary in difficulty.

Walking on paved roads is available. There are a series of camping areas within the recreation area which are all connected by a paved road system. Walking along these paved areas offers an easy walk on a smooth surface with beautiful lake vistas.

Follow the Trail. Ride your mountain bike along the area's 15-mile stacked-loop system. Many of the trails border Lake Chatuge, while others meander through the woods or ridge-top. These trails appeal to riders of all skill levels.

If you are interested in hiking, try the Jackrabbit Mountain Trail. With a trailhead just outside the campground, this 2.4-mile easy trail loops through open woods and offers glimpses of Lake Chatuge.

FIRES CREEK RECREATION AREA TRAILS

Directions:

From Hayesville, go 5 miles on US 64W. Turn right on NC 175 for 2.5 miles, left on SR 1344 for two miles.

This area includes a 25-mile combination hiking/horseback riding Rim Trail in the Backcountry Area. This trail climbs the ridge around Fires Creek and makes a large loop offering mountain vistas as it crosses several high-elevation balds. Also available at Fires Creek are nine campsites with a vault toilet and horse trailer parking at Bristol Campground. Primitive camping is available at Huskins Branch Hunters Camp.

Trails of varying difficulty and length include: (Times and distances are one way. Consider your return.)

Cover Trail: 1 mile paved/handicap trail; 4 mi unpaved fishing trail easy 4 hour hike

Leatherwood Falls Trail: .5 mile loop trail next to the waterfall. Some easy elevation

Big Stamp to Weatherman Bald: Moderate 5.4 miles, 23' elevation change, avg time 4 hours overlooks Andrews and the Hiawasse River

Tusquittee Bald to Chestnut Stump Bald: Difficult 2.6 miles, 840 elevation change, avg time 3 hours

Weatherman to Tusquittee Bald: 1.9 mi, 280' elevation change, avg time 2.5 hours with Great views of Lake Chatuge

Carver to Hunter Gap: Easy 3.75 miles, avg time 2 hours with good views of Lake Chatuge

Trails are marked with blue blazes